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Deep Learning

Spring 2017

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Class times and location:

Time TR 2:00PM-3:20PM. Location: SS 362

Course Prerequisites:

Calculus II. Probability & Statistics. Programming fluency. Machine Learning. Consent of instructor.

Overview:

Machine Learning has become the hottest topic in computer science and a big reason for this is the recent advances in Deep Learning. Deep Learning is, in a nutshell, where neural networks meet Big Data.

The course is be a combination of:

- traditional lecture (mostly at the beginning),
- watching videos or reading outside of class followed by in-class discussion,
- student lectures, and
- individual project.

After successfully completing this course, students should be able to understand:

- The problem of supervised and unsupervised learning; classification and regression,
- The importance of inductive bias and other basic Machine Learning,
- Testing, training, and validation sets; accuracy assessment,
- Multi-layered perceptrons; their effectiveness and their limitations,
- Regularization for Deep Learning,
- Optimization for Training Deep Models,
- Convolutional Networks,
- Sequence Modeling: Recurrent and Recursive Nets,
- Linear Factor Models,
- Autoencoders,
- Representation Learning,
- Structured Probabilistic Models for Deep Learning,
- Open problems in deep learning,
- Current deep learning software packages,
- How to critically analyze and present a topic for research, and
- How to conduct an independent Deep Learning project.

Attendance:

Attendance is necessary as participation and student presentations are a central part of the course. Exceptions will be made for extraordinary situations (e.g. death of an immediate family member, medical conditions, etc.) which will be handled on a case-by-case basis.

Grading:

Class presentations, homework and participation (50%)
Project (50%)

Text Book:

Deep Learning. By Ian Goodfellow, Yoshua Bengio and Aaron Courville. MIT Press. April, 2016. (Currently available online for free; www.deeplearningbook.org)

Additional electronic reading material will be announced during the semester.

Incompletes and Late Drops:

The university empowers instructors with discretion to approve incompletes or late drops. I will not approve either as a means of avoiding a low grade or as a means of protesting course policies. Valid reasons include family emergencies, work complications, or registration issues, but I reserve the right of approval or disapproval on a case-by-case basis.

Disabilities:

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E-Device Use During Class:

Students are welcome to use laptops, tablets, or other e-devices to take notes, refer to materials, etc. as long as this use does not create noise or distractions. Students are not welcome to have e-devices make sound during class. Students are not welcome to answer calls verbally or otherwise generate noise in class.